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**MUSLIM-AMERICAN EXPERIENCES OF THE CONSTITUTION
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Ongoing Library Civic Programs to Foster Public Conversation about the Constitution

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a **Book Discussion** on Media and the U.S. Constitution on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, located at 3701 Voltaire Street in San Diego. Ali Gheissari, professor of modern world history and the Middle East at the University of San Diego, will facilitate. It is being presented in conjunction with the four month project, *Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution*.

This is one of ten focused book discussions featuring *The Penguin Guide to the United States Constitution: A Fully Annotated Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Amendments, and Selections from the Federalist Papers* by Richard Beeman that will take place in select San Diego branch libraries. Topics will range from race and gender to faith and religion, dissent, and education and the arts. All the book discussions will be led by professionals and scholars from area universities and institutions. Please see schedules, locations and themes below:

Dates	Locations	Themes
July 10th	Malcolm X Library	African Americans
August 7th	North University Library	Asian Americans
August 21st	Scripps Ranch Library	Religion & Faith
September 4th	Logan Heights Library	Latino Americans
September 18th	City Heights Library	Native Americans
September 25th	Pacific Beach Library	Media
October 2nd	Point Loma Library	Muslim Americans
October 16th	La Jolla Library	Women's Rights
October 23rd	Linda Vista Library	Dissent
October 30th	University Heights Library	Lesbian and Gay Americans

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Searching for Democracy will bring together people from diverse backgrounds to attend and discuss the Constitution at programs including lectures, book discussions, films, digital stories, and performance. Young and old, rich and poor, new citizens and long-term residents will have the opportunity to openly explore the understanding of our American heritage and citizenry. The endeavor will also afford individual library patrons a greater understanding of the Library's vast collection of Constitution related titles and digital resources.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.gov.

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